GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:30
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Remunerative Prices of Onions
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the onion growers are not getting remunerative prices for their produce and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the corrective steps taken by the Government to ensure adequate support prices to the farmers;

(c) whether there is apprehension of an adverse impact on farmers on account of import of onion during the current year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 30 DUE FOR REPLY ON 1ST DECEMBER, 2015.

(a): As per the available information, there is no report of onion farmers not getting remunerative prices, as evident from the details as under.
Cost of Production and Average Monthly Wholesale Prices of Onion in 2015
Cost of Production
(Maharashtra)
Rs./ Qtl. Average Monthly Wholesale Prices in 2015
(Rs./Qtl.)

Kharif − 691
Late Kharif- 611
Rabi - 688 Month Prices
Maharashtra
January 1171
February 1319
March 1117
April 966
May 1145
June 1485
July 2021
August 4010
September 3820
October 2671
November 2110
Source:-
Cost of Production − National Horticulture Research & Development Foundation (NHRDF)
Average Monthly Wholesale Prices - AGMARKNET
*Till 24th November 2015.

(b) to (d): Government has taken several measures to ensure proper remunerative prices to the farmers producing onion. In order to check high prices of onion in the market, as a temporary measure, Government allowed import of only 2000 tonnes of onion. Hence, no adverse impact on farmers has been reported in this regard. The

steps taken by the Government to ensure remunerative prices to onion farmers are as under:
â€¢ Assistance is provided for development of infrastructure for post harvest management and marketing such as storages, wholesale markets, rural primary market, Kissan Mandies, etc.
â€¢ Facilitating direct marketing, contract farming, setting up of private markets, farmer consumer markets and e-markets.
â€¢ Implementing Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for procurement of agricultural and horticultural commodities including onion, under which losses, if any, are shared between the Central Government and the State Government concerned on 50:50 basis. National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED) is a Central Agency implementing MIS operations of agricultural commodities including onion.
â€¢ Providing market information to farmers on prices and arrivals of agricultural commodities in regulated markets on AGMARKNET portal to enable the farmers to get better remunerative prices.
â€¢ Export of onion is free, subject to a Minimum Export Price (MEP) announced by the Government from time to time. To boost exports, recently a new scheme has been launched namely "Merchandize Exports from India (MEIS)" under Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20, wherein the exporters/farmers are incentivized for export of their goods/products including onion to specified markets.
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